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Tree and Debris Removal

CANAL WINCHESTER — On Friday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st storms rolled through Canal Winchester with winds exceeding 80 mph. As a result of these storms, there was damage to many homes, businesses, and city property. Power was lost to most of the area. Governor Kasich declared a state of emergency on Saturday.

The City is responsible for cleaning up debris from City street trees (trees in the City's right of way). Debris from private trees is the responsibility of the property owner. However, the City will clear private debris if placed in the area between the curb and the sidewalk. No trees larger than 6 inches in diameter can be taken. Debris will not be removed if vehicles are blocking the area needed for removal. Emergency and storm clean-up is prioritized using several criteria, and your patience is appreciated.

If you believe that a tree is an immediate threat to public safety, or if trees damaged by severe weather are obstructing the street or sidewalk, contact the Department of Public Service at 614-834-5100.

Please contact South Central Power for any problems with your electricity. If there is a life threatening situation, call 911.

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